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it should be observed that a *kekel* was an illegitimate child, not a whoreson, and was cared for by his father, cf. *mit kind und kegel* 'with the whole family,' though, to be sure, the original meaning of *kegel* is now no longer generally known.

(2) A 'person of low birth,' a 'churl.'

(3) A 'fellow' or 'man.'

(4) A 'lover' or 'husband,' cf. OE. *ceorlian* 'take a husband,' 'marry.'

(5) A 'male,' cf. OE. *carl-cat*, *carl-fugel*, and even 'carl-man.'

For *skalks* itself I should like to revive the old suggestion that it, like *skulan sollen*, is derived from the root *skal*. It appears to be an old *g*-derivative (Wilmanns, II. § 284) and to have designated those that 'owed' service, etc.

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I. GERMAN *GIPFEL*.

KLUGE (in Davis' translation) makes the following entry for this word: "summit, top, climax" from the equivalent late MHG. *gipfel* m.; the primitive word cannot be discovered; *Gipfel* is scarcely an intensive form of *Giebel*; MHG. *gupf*, *gupfe*, "point, summit" is still less closely allied, and is rather a variant of *Kuppe*.'

In spite of all this, there must be a kinship between these words, proceeding by the illegitimate or morganatic way, void in phonetic law. *Gipfel* is a synonym of *Zipfel*, Eng. *tip*, and, to use the phraseology of Professor Bloomfield, we may well look upon it as a 'blend' of *Zipfel* with either *Giebel*, or *gupf*, or both.

2. ENGLISH *SQUAWK*.

This colloquial word is, I suggest, a 'blend' of *squall* and *squeak*, with a 'dash' perhaps of *quack*.

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